

REMARKS

Claim 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 are rejected. Claims 13-17 have been allowed. Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and have added new claims 18-22 all of which depend on allowed independent claim 13. Applicants have amended already allowed claims 13 and 17 to correct typographical errors. No new matter have been added with these amendments. The examiner is referred to the specification (particularly pages 7-8 of the originally filed application) to confirm support for the amendments made to independent claim 13.

Applicants' attorney would welcome any questions that the Examiner may have regarding these amendments. The application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner pass the application to issue.

Request for Reconsideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111

Having responded to each and every ground for objection and rejection in the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003, applicants request reconsideration in the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 and request that the Examiner allow claims 13-22 and pass the application to issue. If there is any point requiring further attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact applicants' counsel who can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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